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1. PARADE OF HIGH-LEVEL ITALIAN DELEGATIONS CONTINUES WITH WEEKEND VISIT BEGINNING NOV 9 BY FOUR-MAN GROUP LED BY DR. MARIO MONDELLO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. THE DELEGATION INCLUDED SERGIO BALANZINO OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION, MINFONAFF; GUIDO LARCHER, ALSO OF MINFONAFF; AND NUNZIO MELE OF POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. PURPOSE MONDELLO'S VISIT ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS WAS TO RENEGOTIATE FOR NEXT TWO-YEAR PERIOD (1974-75) BILATERAL CULTURAL, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAMS.

2. COMMENT: INCLUSION MELE IN TALKS APPARENTLY RELATES TO ITALIAN PLANS TO ASSIST WITH EXPANSION MALTA'S INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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3. IN MEANTIME, FIRST GROUP OF 31 ITALIAN MILITARY OFFICIALS, WHOSE TASK WAS TO PROVIDE BASIC MILITARY

TRAINING TO NEWLY FORMED PIONEER CORPS, LEFT MALTA
NOV 10. ANOTHER GROUP OF 22 MEMBERS OF ITALIAN
MILITARY TECHNICAL STAFF SPECIALIZING IN PUBLIC
WORKS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT ARE EXPECTED
TO ARRIVE NOV 14. EARLIER THIS MONTH TWO OFFICIALS
OF ITALIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, GENERAL GIUSEPPE
PIOVANO AND COLONEL REMO PERACCHIO, INSPECTED
PROGRESS THUS FAR ON PIONEER CORPS PROJECTS WHICH
ARE BEING CARRIED OUT WITH ITALIAN MILITARY
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